JAN 2 5 2005

PATENT

PAGE 04/10

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: PFLUG

In re PATENT Application of:

RAINER PFLUG et al.

Examiner: Sy, Mariano Ong

Appl. No.: 09/754,618

Group Art Unit: 3683

Filed: January 4, 2001

For: THRUST BALL BEARING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 RECEIVED

FEB 0 1 2005

U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

SIR:

Preliminary to the first Official Action in the above-entitled application, please amend the application as follows: